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The expanding gap between microprocessor and DRAM performance has necessitated the use of increasingly aggressive techniques designed to reduce or hide the latency of main memory access. Although large cache hierarchies have proven to be effective in reducing this latency for the most frequently used data, it is still not uncommon for many programs to spend more than half their run times stalled on memory requests. Data prefetching has been proposed as a technique for hiding the access lat ...

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Prefetching reduces cache miss latency by moving data up in memory hierarchy before they are actually needed. Recent hardware-based stride prefetching techniques mostly rely on the processor pipeline information (e.g. program counter and branch prediction table) for prediction. Continuing developments in processor microarchitecture drastically change core pipeline design and require that existing hardware-based stride prefetching techniques be adapted to the evolving new processor architectures. ...

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A hardware prefetching mechanism named Speculative Prefetching is proposed. This scheme detects vector accesses issued by a load/store instruction and prefetches the corresponding data. The scheme requires no software add-on, and in some cases it is more powerful than software techniques for identifying regular accesses. The tradeoffs related to its hardware implementation are extensively discussed in order to finely tune the mechanism. Experiments show that average memory ...

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Beyond data caching, data prefetching is by far the most effective way to address the memory access bottleneck associated with high-performance processors. This is particularly true for scientific programs whose working sets cannot be easily fit into the on-chip data cache. This paper proposes a new data prefetching architecture called **Sunder,** *which combines the flexibility and accurateness of software prefetching and the transparency and low-overhead of hardware prefetching. Th ...*

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Despite large caches, main-memory access latencies still cause significant performance losses in many applications. Numerous hardware and software prefetching schemes have been proposed to tolerate these latencies. Software prefetching typically provides better prefetch accuracy than hardware, but is limited by prefetch instruction overheads and the compiler's limited ability to schedule prefetches sufficiently far in advance to cover level-two cache miss latencies. Hardware prefetching can be e ...

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Prefetching, i.e., exploiting the overlap of processor computations with data accesses, is one of several approaches for tolerating memory latencies. Prefetching can be either hardware-based or software-directed or a combination of both. Hardware-based prefetching, requiring some support unit connected to the cache, can dynamically handle prefetches at run-time without compiler intervention. Software-directed approaches rely on compiler technology to insert explicit prefetch instructions. Mowry ...

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Vector processors have typically used vector registers, interleaved memory, and pipelined access to data to provide sufficient memory system performance. Caches have been used mainly for instructions and scalar data, while vectors are usually uncached, presumably partially because of the belief that there is insufficient vector locality in these workloads. In this study we use memory address traces from an Ardent Titan to examine both reference locality and cache performance in a vector pro ...

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This paper focuses on extending the memory subsystem by integrating a prefetch buffer mechanism. Prefetching allows high-level application knowledge to increase memory performance, which is currently constraining the performance of most system. While prefetching does not reduce the latency of memory accesses, it hides this latency by overlapping memory access and instruction execution. The first prefetch operation to the buffer is initiated by an explicit fetch instruction. All f ...

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In this paper, we present a new scalar architecture for high-speed vector processing. Without using cache memory, the proposed architecture tolerates main memory access

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Numerical applications frequently contain nested loop structures that process large arrays of data. The execution of these loop structures often produces memory reference patterns that poorly utilize data caches. Limited associativity and cache capacity result in cache conflict misses. Also, non-unit stride access patterns can cause low utilization of cache lines. Data copying has been proposed and investigated in order to reduce cache conflict misses, but this technique has a high executio ...

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Today's commodity microprocessors require a low latency memory system to achieve high sustained performance. The conventional high-performance memory system provides fast data access via a large secondary cache. But large secondary caches can be expensive, particularly in large-scale parallel systems with many processors (and thus many caches).We evaluate a memory system design that can be both cost-effective as well as provide better performance, particularly for scientific workloads: a single ...

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Prefetching is one approach to reducing the latency of memory operations in modern computer systems. In this paper, we describe the *Markov prefetcher.* This prefetcher acts as an interface between the on-chip and off-chip cache, and can be added to existing computer designs. The Markov prefetcher is distinguished by prefetching *multiple reference predictions* from the memory subsystem, and then prioritizing the delivery of those references to the processor.This design results in a pr ...

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